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OCTOBER 18, 2020  
**HOLY MARTYR CHARITINA**  
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Epistle Reading**  
2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

**Gospel Reading**  
Luke 6:31-36

**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!  
HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!**

**Troparion** (Resurrection)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

**Troparion for Martyr Charitina of Amisus**

Your lamb Charitina, calls out to You, O Jesus, in a loud voice: “I love You, my Bridegroom, and in seeking You, I endure suffering. In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in You, and I died so that I might live with You. Accept me as a pure sacrifice, for I have offered myself in love.” Through her prayers save our souls, since You are merciful.

**Kontakion** (Resurrection)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

**Kontakion**

Having fortified your soul with faith and strengthened by understanding you openly put the enemy to shame, O Charitina; you stood before Christ wearing a robe empurpled by your blood, All-Blessed One, and now you rejoice with the angels, praying for us, O passion-bearer.

**Beautiful Prayer Books, Gifts and Icons from the Gift Case** – Louise: 703-409-1168

**HOLY MARTYR CHARITINA**

Orphaned young, she was adopted by an eminent Christian man who brought her up as his daughter. Charitina was meek, humble, obedient and silent. She studied the law of God day and night and vowed to live in perpetual virginity as a true bride of Christ.

Emperor Diocletian’s governor, Dometius, put her on trial for her faith. She replied to false charges: “It is true that I am a Christian, and a lie that I delude others. I lead those in error to the way of truth, bringing them to my Christ.” She suffered brutal tortures, then praying on her knees, her soul was taken to the immortal Kingdom of Christ.



**Welcome** to everyone praying with us today in person. Thank you for following our safety guidelines. May all who are in the Church and those livestreaming experience the great joy of the Festal Divine Liturgy.

**Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, October 21 – Online at 7PM**

This week’s discussion will open with a new book, “The Return of the Prodigal Son” by Henri J.M. Nouwen. It is anticipated to be a meaningful faith-builder. Fr. John will email study notes and a Zoom link for all to join in.

**Saturday Children's Liturgy and Church School – October 24 at 9AM**

St. Luke’s Intermediate Class is scheduled for the Children’s Liturgy this coming Saturday followed by the Church School lesson. Contact Popadija Kitty for details. November Classes: Primary - the 7<sup>th</sup>; Pre-school - the 14<sup>th</sup>; Intermediate - the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**OCAMPR Conference 2020 – Friday-Saturday, November 6-7**

The Orthodox Christian Association of Medicine, Psychology, and Religion is honored that His Grace, the Right Reverend Bishop Maxim (Vasiljević) of Los Angeles and Western America of the Serbian Orthodox Church, will be the Keynote Speaker for the theological perspective at this year's online conference, "Christ, the Measure of Wellness: Healing Mind, Body, and Soul." Join in for other psychological and medical responses. Register at [OCAMPR Conference 2020](https://www.oca.org/ocampr).

**God Grant You Many Years!**

God bless 11yr old Nicole Bidy, Jim and Michele Karabin on their birthdays, and Mark and Maria Damjan on their wedding anniversary. Mnogaja ljeta!